

CON TASK FORCE CHARTER

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Team Name: Certificate of Need (CON) Task Force	Facilitator: Gary Fugere
Process Title: CON Program recommendations	
Charge Statement(s):	
The members of Certificate of Need (CON) Task Force and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) shall work together to research, study, stakeholder, review, and prepare recommendations to the Governor and appropriate legislative committees. Recommendations are related to improving and updating the Certificate of Need Program for Washington State as described in Chapter 70.38 RCW, incorporating strategies that focus on 'quality, cost, and access'.	
Planned Completion Dates:	
(1) Draft recommendations approved by CON Task Force: September 29, 2006 (2) Draft recommendations to Governor's Office: October 10, 2006 (3) Draft recommendations to Legislative Committees: October 17, 2006 (4) Final recommendations to Governor & Legislature: November 1, 2006	
Outcomes:	
At a minimum, develop recommendations related to the following: 1. The need for a new and regularly updated set of service and facility specific policies that guide Certificate of Need decisions. 2. A review of the purpose and goals of the current Certificate of Need Program, including the relationship between the supply of health services and health care outcomes and expenditures in Washington State. 3. The scope of facilities, services, and capital expenditures that should be subject to Certificate of Need review. 4. The criteria for review of Certificate of Need applications, as currently defined in RCW 70.38.115, with the goal of having criteria that are consistent, clear, technically sound, and reflect state law. 5. The timeliness and consistency of Certificate of Need reviews and decisions, the sufficiency and use of resources available to the Department of Health to conduct timely reviews, the means by which the Department of Health projects future need for services, the ability to reflect differences among communities and approaches to providing services, and clarification on use of the concurrent review process. (being addressed via JLARC Report) 6. Identify mechanisms to monitor ongoing compliance with the assumptions made by facilities that have received either a Certificate of Need or an exemption to a Certificate of Need, including those related to volume, the provision of charity care, and access to health services to Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries as well as underinsured and uninsured members of the community.	
General Approach:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Remain open-minded▪ Determine business need, valued added, and service to customers▪ Research and use best practices for all aspects of this endeavor▪ Facilitated discussions with Task Force and Technical Advisory Committee, via consensus decision-making efforts▪ Maximize electronic communications▪ Task Force and Technical Advisory Committee working in partnership to complete the charter outcomes within identified timeframes	



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